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PRIVATE FUNDING IN FOOD PROCESSING SECTOR
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Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to involve private sector funding in food processing sector;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether FICCI organised an Indo-French seminar and buyer- seller meet on agriculture and food processing recently;

(d) if so, the extent to which private sector has been attracted to involve in food processing sector; and

(e) the extent to which it is likely to boost the food processing sector?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (PROF. CHAMAN LAL GUPTA)

(a): Private Sector funding has all along been there in the Food ProcessingSector. The Ministry of FoodProcessing Industries does not set up any Food Processing Industry on its own. It only providesfinancial assistance under the Plan Scheme for the industry. Much of the investment in food processing industries has been from the Private Sector.

(b): 6,587 Industrial Entrepreneur Memoranda (IEMs) forsetting up of Food Processing Industries have beenfiled during the period from July, 1991 − March, 2001 involving an investment of Rs.53,868 Crores. In addition, 680 approvals have been granted by the Government for setting up 100% Export Oriented Units, Foreign Collaborationetc. during the post-liberalisation period involving an investment of Rs. 9,942 crores.

(c): Yes, Sir.

(d) & (e): The meet evoked enthusiastic participation from both Indian and French companies interested in forging strategic partnerships and Joint Venture initiatives in Dairy sector, Food Parks, Meat & Poultry processing. Many FrenchCompanies were reportedly looking forward to invest in joint ventures including technology transfer.